



### How Often Can Your Child Be Absent From School?

Students are considered chronically absent if they miss 10% of the school year for excused or unexcused reasons, which typically equates to an average of two absences a month.

Research indicates that students are missing school at higher rates after the coronavirus pandemic, which can harm their academic performance.

Absences can add up quickly, so as the school year progresses, experts advise parents to keep a tally each time their child misses' school for an appointment, vacation, illness or any other reason.

### How Can Parents Help Reduce Absences?

Make regular attendance a nonnegotiable part of your child's routine.

Don't treat school like it's optional. Plan vacations and routine doctor appointments during scheduled breaks or on teacher workdays.

Communicate as a family about the importance of accountability and creating good habits for the future through high attendance.

### Absenteeism affects everyone!

While students pay the highest cost when they miss school too much, high absence rates also put a burden on teachers. Making up for lost instruction when students return adds to their workload and the loss of valuable classroom time for all students.

Average daily attendance, or ADA, is used to determine the allocated financial funding each school district will receive. Schools may encounter a decrease in funding due to excessive absenteeism, which can put an extreme strain on the schools' budget. This limited budget may cause a lack of educational resources and materials for all the students in the school.

**Your future begins with your presence.  
Attend today, succeed tomorrow**

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